

IDAHO ATHLETIC COMMISSION
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 1/25/2013

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Katsilometes - Commissioner
James R Stoll
Robert Michael Vestal

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, Legal Counsel
Roger Hales, Administrative Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Anita Hamann, Div. of Financial Management
Dr. Gerald Carlson
Don Henslee
Wayne Ross
Aron Luna
Scott Anderson
Rulon Day
Mike England
Cosmo Zimik
Lee Rice
David Hofman

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MST by Tom Katsilometes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Katsilometes approved the minutes of 8/6/2012 and 8/14/2012 as recommended by Mr. Stoll.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Cory gave the legislative report. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed law and the pending rule under review this legislative session.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board has a negative cash balance of \$179,482.25 as of December 31, 2012. The fee increase that was implemented in the spring of 2012 did help boost revenue. However, the Commission continues to operate at a deficit. Mr. Stoll stated that the inclusion of MMA events to the Commission is the driving force behind the deficit.

Mr. Hales explained that the Commission is attempting to address the deficit with proposed law and rule changes. One proposed law change would allow the Commission to recover costs and fees in the event of an investigation where there is found to be a violation of the Commission's laws or rules. Another proposed change would address the costs of challenging the outcome of a contest.

Mr. Stoll explained that the majority of the expense is manpower hours. Incomplete applications submitted by promoters drive up the costs.

Ms. Cory explained that the Bureau is a service agency. While every effort is made to keep costs down, time expended on Commission business is billed directly to the Commission.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Ms. Peel gave the investigative report, which is linked above.

FOR BOARD DETERMINATION

I-ATC-2011-7

Commissioner Katsilometes approved the Bureau's recommendation and authorized closure in case I-ATC-2011-7 upon the agreement of Mr. Stoll.

I-ATC-2011-11

Commissioner Katsilometes approved the Bureau's recommendation and authorized closure in case I-ATC-2011-7 upon the agreement of Mr. Stoll.

I-ATC-2012-1

Commissioner Katsilometes approved the Bureau's recommendation and authorized closure with a warning letter in case I-ATC-2011-7 upon the agreement of Mr. Stoll.

I-ATC-2012-2

Commissioner Katsilometes approved the Bureau's recommendation and authorized closure in case I-ATC-2011-7 upon the agreement of Mr. Stoll.

OLD BUSINESS

ABC Dues

Commissioner Katsilometes approved payment of the dues to Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) in the amount of \$200.00.

Discussion of laws and rules

Mr. Hales explained that the law and rules need to be reviewed to put recommendations together for Commissioner Katsilometes. Dr. Carlson stated that the application process should be simplified. He said labs should be done no less than 48 hours prior to an event.

Mr. Luna stated that he does review the website for licensure information, but this does not tell him if the labs are current for the combatants. Dr. Carlson recommended that the drug testing requirement be eliminated and that random drug testing be done after fights. He also said that HIV, HEP B and HEP C testing should be done on a yearly basis and not every 6 months. It was the recommendation of Mr. Stoll that the rules be changed to require that blood tests be part of the application process and that the drug tests be done randomly.

One section of the Rules that Legislators expressed concern about was section 107.07 and 08 regarding female combatants. Mr. Hales asked Dr. Carlson about pregnancy testing for female combatants. Dr. Carlson said this should be done at the discretion of the fight doctor and it should not be mandatory. Mr. Hales asked Dr. Carlson about the rule pelvic and breast exams. Dr. Carlson said these should not be done at the fight, but should be part of the female combatants' yearly physical. Doctor Carlson said ring doctors should not be doing physicals other than the pre-fight physical nor should they be doing blood testing.

Discussion was held on the weigh-ins and when they should be held. It was felt that holding the weigh-ins the day of the event would be in the best interest of the combatant. The Commission will hold only one weigh-in.

The proposed law change was discussed. It was explained that the Commission depends on licensing fees and gate tax for revenue. Currently, the initial tax is \$400.00. The proposed initial tax was submitted as \$3500.00 to help clear up the Commission's deficit.

The percent rate of the gate tax was discussed. It was decided that the Commission would amend the proposed law change to show an increase in the percentage of the gate tax to 7%, keep the initial tax rate at \$400.00 and require that all ticket sales go through an independent ticket outlet that can do a valid and accurate report.

Ms. Cory explained that the Commission is borrowing money from the other Boards served by the Bureau. Mr. Zimik stated that if the fees were less he would be able to hold more events. Ms. Cory stated that there was a lot of concern amongst the legislators regarding head injuries with the youth in programs. Mr. Hales explained that a youth license fee reduction could not be done at this time due to the deficit situation with the Commission.

The pending rules were discussed. It was decided that the sanction permit fee would not be increased to \$1000.00. Dr. Carlson was concerned about the penalty, if any for a fighter who has committed to a bout and backs out just prior to the event. Mr. Stoll said that when this happens, the Promoters need to file a complaint with the Commission, which would allow the Commission to take action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Tom Katsilometes, Chair

Tana Cory, Bureau Chief